

Arizona Invasive Species Advisory Council Meeting (AISAC)
Work Group Coordination & Funding Task TEAM Session
Tuesday, September 2nd, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

McMahon, Tom (AGFD - Facilitator); McGrew, Brian (ADA); Umeda, Kai (U. of A., Cooperative Extension); Swanson, Lesly (SRP); O'Brien, Chasa (AGFD); Northam, Ed (U. of A., Cooperative Extension); Brock, John (A.S.U., retired)

Call to Order

Tom McMahon called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. at the University of Arizona Maricopa County Cooperative Extension office, located at 4341 East Broadway Road, Phoenix, AZ 85040.

Welcome & Introductions

The meeting commenced with short introductions.

Approval of Minutes from 3/5/2009 Task Team Meeting

Some discussion ensued concerning usage of abbreviations and other updates

Motion to accept minutes (with corrections) made by Chasa O.; Seconded by Kai U. – **Motion to accept passed.**

AISAC Updates

- Brian Mc. provided an update on the recent meeting between the two AISAC co-chair delegates, Mr. Bob Broscheid (Arizona Game and Fish Department) and Mr. John Caravetta (Arizona Department of Agriculture), along with AISAC facilitators Tom McMahon and Brian McGrew. Discussion revolved around the current challenges in meeting with the Governor's office, particularly Mr. Mike Anable, Natural Resources Policy advisor. John B. mentioned he discussed AISAC with Mr. Anable in April of 2009 and felt encouraged that this Council would continue. It was agreed that the two agencies would move swiftly to garner a meeting with the Governor's office concerning the future capabilities of AISAC and continue to move forward the 2008 Arizona Invasive Species Management Plan implementation matrix, particularly "The Center" website.
 - Chasa O. mentioned the need to produce and distribute a letter to current AISAC members/delegates/agencies concerning the current and future status of the Council. Brian Mc. said he will draft up this letter and Tom Mc. will assist with distribution.
 - John Brock mentioned the need for a "Legislative Champion" for AISAC.
 - Kai discussed the idea of creating an "Arizona Invasives Council" with input from all entities and not having a Governor's Advisory Council format. It was noted that having this Council backed by the Governor's office gives AIASC "State" clout.
- Tom Mc. discussed HB2157 – Aquatic Invasive Species. Tom lead discussion on this newly passed legislation, particularly concerning funding, the creation of aquatic invasive species lists, and other interdiction capabilities. Ed N. will present a short informational piece to the local Weed Management Area's about HB2157's passage.

Website Discussion/Review – "Arizona Center for Invasive Species"

- Tom Mc. opened a short discussion about "populating" this website further. Currently, the website is based around the "Arizona's 10 most UNWanted Invasive Species" poster and iMapInvasives. It has been proposed to send Tom Mc. website info and he will make sure it gets onto the website in a timely manner.

New Business

- The group discussed the idea of cancelling/postponing the next two AISAC full council meetings (dated Sept. 29th and Nov. 3rd, 2009) until further notice and direction from our two AISAC Co-chair Delegates. Tom Mc. and Brian Mc. will work on communicating (letter and phone) with current AISAC members about their involvement with this Council in the future.

Next Task TEAM meeting has been scheduled for **Thursday, November 12, 2009** at the Maricopa County Coop office.
Meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m.